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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

KATHRYN A HOSKINS,

Plaintiff,

V.

TUESDAY MORNING INC,

Defendant.

No. CJ-2015-1939

(Civil relief more than \$10,000:

DISCRIMINATION)

Filed: 05/20/2015

Judge: Sellers, Jefferson D.

PARTIES

HOSKINS, KATHRYN A, Plaintiff TUESDAY MORNING INC, Defendant

ATTORNEYS

Attorney

SMOLEN, DANIEL E (Bar #19943) 701 S. CINCINNATI TULSA, OK 74119 **Represented Parties**

HOSKINS, KATHRYN A

EVENTS

None

ISSUES

For cases filed before 1/1/2000, ancillary issues may not appear except in the docket.

Issue # 1. Issue: DISCRIMINATION (DISCRIM)

Filed By: HOSKINS, KATHRYN A

Filed Date: 05/20/2015

Party Name Disposition Information

Defendant: Pending.

TUESDAY MORNING INC



DOCKET

Date	Code	Description	Count	Party	Amount
05-20-2015	TEXT	Civil relief more than \$10,000 Initial Filing.	1		
05-20-2015	DISCRIM	DISCRIMINATION			
05-20-2015	DMFE	DISPUTE MEDIATION FEE			\$ 2.00
05-20-2015	PFE1	PETITION Document Available (#1029611061)			\$ 163.00
05-20-2015	PFE7	LAW LIBRARY FEE			\$ 6.00
05-20-2015	OCISR	Oklahoma Court Information System Revolving Fund			\$ 25.00
05-20-2015	CCADMIN02	Court Clerk Administrative Fee on \$2 Collections			\$ 0.20
05-20-2015	OCJC	Oklahoma Council on Judicial Complaints Revolving Fund			\$ 2.00
05-20-2015	OCASA	Oklahoma Court Appointed Special Advocates			\$ 5.00
05-20-2015	CCADMIN04	Court Clerk Administrative Fee on Collections			\$ 0.50
05-20-2015	LTF	Lengthy Trial Fund			\$ 10.00
05-20-2015	SMF	Summons Fee (Clerks Fee)			\$ 5.00
05-20-2015	SMIMA	Summons Issued - Mailed by Attorney			
05-20-2015	TEXT	OCIS has automatically assigned Judge Sellers, Jefferson D. to this case.			
05-20-2015	ACCOUNT	Receipt # 2015-3097203 on 05/20/2015. Payor:SMOLEN SMOLEN Total Amount Paid: \$218.70. Line Items: CJ-2015-1939: \$168.00 on AC01 Clerk Fees. CJ-2015-1939: \$6.00 on AC23 Law Library Fee. CJ-2015-1939: \$0.70 on AC31 Court Clerk Revolving Fund. CJ-2015-1939: \$5.00 on AC58 Oklahoma Court Appointed Special Advocates. CJ-2015-1939: \$2.00 on AC59 Council on Judicial Complaints Revolving Fund. CJ-2015-1939: \$2.00 on AC64 Dispute Mediation Fees. CJ-2015-1939: \$25.00 on AC79 OCIS Revolving Fund. CJ-2015-1939: \$10.00 on AC81 Lengthy Trial Fund.			

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Plaintiff,	} CJ №2015-01939
vs. TUESDAY MORNING, INC.,) ATTORNEY LIEN CLAIMED
a Foreign For Profit Corporation,)) Jeffgrøon D. Sellers
Defendant,)

PETITION

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Kathryn A. Hoskins, by and through her attorney of record, Daniel E. Smolen, of *Smolen, Smolen & Roytman, PLLC*, and brings this action against Defendant, Tuesday Morning, Inc. ("Tuesday Morning"), for violation of her protected rights arising out of her employment and termination by said Defendant.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This is an action for damages, to secure protection of, and to redress deprivation of rights secured by the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 as amended, 29 U.S.C. 621 et seq. (hereinafter "ADEA").
- 2. Plaintiff is a resident of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma.
- 3. Defendant is a foreign for-profit corporation regularly conducting business in Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, and employs more than fifteen (15) people.
- 4. The incidents and occurrences that form the basis of Plaintiff's action occurred in Tulsa.

 County, State of Oklahoma.
- 5. Plaintiff filed a Charge of Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity

 Commission ("EEOC") complaining of discrimination based on age. A Notice of Right to

Sue was received by Plaintiff, and this Petition has been filed within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the Notice. As such, all conditions precedent to the filing of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

- 6. This Court has jurisdiction and venue is proper in Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- 7. Compensatory damages are sought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq. and 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 8. Costs and attorney's fees may be awarded pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- 9. Plaintiff incorporates as if re-alleged the preceding paragraphs.
- 10. Defendant hired Plaintiff as a store manager on or around September 18, 2001.
- 11. Plaintiff received positive performance appraisals throughout her employment with Defendant; the appraisals were at a level above job expectations and she received a promotion on or around May 13, 2004.
- 12. In November of 2012, Plaintiff was demoted from regional manager to district manager. At the time, the company had ten (10) regional managers. Four (4) regional managers, including Plaintiff, were selected to be offered a demotion or to leave the company with a severance. Plaintiff was the only one of the four (4) that accepted the demotion to stay with the company.
- 13. The alleged reason for the aforementioned demotion/severances was that the geographical areas were being split in a way that made more sense. As intended by Defendant, the result left six (6) regional managers, all but one being a minimum of ten (10) years younger than Plaintiff.

- 14. Throughout the thirteen (13) months following her demotion, Plaintiff's supervisor told her on more than one occasion that she was "a target."
- 15. On or around January 16, 2014, Defendant terminated Plaintiff from employment. That day, Don Mierzwa (Senior Vice-President of Store Operations) notified Plaintiff that she had failed to bring the stores that she supervised "up to standard in a timely manner."
- 16. Prior to Don Mierzwa's notification, Plaintiff was never warned or counseled that the condition of her stores was a concern.
- 17. Currently, Defendant has a total of 52 district managers, and only four (4) of these 52 managers are comparable in age to Plaintiff. Furthermore, the district that Plaintiff formerly supervised was split between three (3) district managers who were all ten to fifteen (10 to 15) years younger than her.
- 18. Plaintiff believes that she was treated differently and terminated based upon her age in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 ("ADEA").

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

<u>Disparate Treatment and Termination on the Basis of Age in Violation of the Age</u> <u>Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 as amended, 29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.</u>

- 19. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 20. The foregoing conduct violates the ADEA of 1967 as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.
- 21. Plaintiff experienced disparate treatment compared to co-workers under the age of forty (40) with regard to treatment and termination in violation of the ADEA.
- 22. Defendant's discriminatory practices have resulted in the loss of past and future wages and other job benefits, and have caused Plaintiff to suffer humiliation, embarrassment, and emotional distress.

- 23. Defendant committed the act alleged with malice or reckless indifference to the protected rights of Plaintiff. Plaintiff is thus entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be determined by a jury.
- 24. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's termination was motivated in substantial part by her age, in violation of the ADEA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant for:

- a. Back pay and lost benefits; front pay until normal retirement;
- b. Compensatory damages for her mental anguish, pain and suffering, and other non-pecuniary losses;
- c. Punitive damages for the intentional and knowing acts of discrimination committed by Defendant's management and executives;
- d. Plaintiff's attorney fees and the costs and expenses of this action;
- e. Injunctive relief;
- f. Such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Plaintiff prays that this Court grant her the relief sought including, but not limited to, actual damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), with interest accruing from date of filing of suit, punitive damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), back pay and lost benefits, compensatory damages for mental anguish, pain and suffering and other non-pecuniary loss, reasonable attorneys fees, injunctive relief, and all other relief deemed appropriate by this Court.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiff requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by this Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel E. Smolen, OBA# 19943

Smolen, Smolen, & Roytman, P.L.L.C. 701 S. Cincinnati Ave.,

Tulsa, OK 74119 P: (918) 585-2667

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Attorney for Plaintiff



Service of Process **Transmittal**

05/26/2015

CT Log Number 527186427

TO:

Berty Custodio

Tuesday Morning Inc. 6250 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy Dallas, TX 75240-6321

RE:

Process Served in Oklahoma

FOR:

Tuesday Morning, Inc. (Domestic State: TX)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTIONS

Kathryn A. Hoskins, etc., Pltf. vs. Tuesday Morning, Inc., etc., Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Original Summons, Certificate, Petition

COURT/AGENCY:

Tulsa County District Court, OK Case # CJ201501939

NATURE OF ACTION:

Employee Litigation - Wrongful Termination - Plaintiff terminated due to his age

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

The Corporation Company, Oklahoma City, OK

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 05/26/2015 postmarked on 05/21/2015

JURISDICTION SERVED:

Oklahoma

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service

ATTORNEY(8) / SENDER(S):

Daniel E. Smolen

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918-585-2667

ACTION ITEMS:

CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 05/27/2015, Expected Purge Date:

06/01/2015

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Email Notification, Brian Monahan bronnahan@tuesdaymorning.com

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Email Notification, Rajani Rao rrao@tuesdaymorning.com
Email Notification, Meredith Bjorck mbjorck@tuesdaymorning.com
Email Notification, Rebecca Chartan rchartan@tuesdaymorning.com
Email Notification, Carla Ayer cayer@tuesdaymorning.com

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ADDRESS:

The Corporation Company 1833 South Morgan Road

TELEPHONE:

Oklahoma City, OK 73128 214-932-3601

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Defendant.)	•

ORIGINAL SUMMONS

SERVE BY U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Tuesday Morning, Inc. c/o The Corporation Company 1833 S Morgan Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73128

To the above-named Defendant(s)

You have been sued by the above named plaintiff(s), and you are directed to file a written answer to the attached petition and order in the court at the above address within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the plaintiff. Unless you answer the petition within the time stated judgment will be rendered against you with costs of the action.

	Issued this <u>d0</u> day of <u>5</u>	, 2015
		County Court Clerk
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(Seal)	_,	Deputy Court Clerk
	This summons and order was served on	
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		(Signature of person serving summons)

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS SUIT OR YOUR ANSWER. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT AN ANSWER MAY BE FILED WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT STATED IN THIS SUMMONS.

Return ORIGINAL for filing. PERSONAL SERVICE

delivered a copy of said Summon	s with a copy of the	e Petition to the	ne following named defendant
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DISTRICT COURT

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